

REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, claims 6 and 7 were rejected as hybrid claims. Applicant has amended claim 6 to overcome this ground of rejection, and submits that claim 7 is now allowable with claim 6.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-5, 12-14, 15-17 and 23-24 are allowed.

Conclusion:

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place all the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Applicants' Attorney at the number listed below so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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